

SOUTH GULF COVE WATERWAY BENEFIT UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 23, 2012

10:00 a.m.in the San Casa Conference Room

Attendees: Ron Bick, Clarence Brosmer, Joe Giraldi, Tom Ireland, and Richard Redican

Absent: Ralph Young (excused)

County: Barry DeMello, Chuck Mopps, and Judith Nothdurft

Meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes from the July 18, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Old Business:

- The South Gulf Cove Waterway Activity Report (7/1/12 – 9/30/12) was reviewed and discussed. Ms. Nothdurft will follow-up on how Contract Service expenditures are handled on the report.
- The contractor responsible for the lock repairs is on site today. All repairs including the remote controls will be completed by the end of the day. The previous tropical storm shorted out several of the electrical components. Mr. DeMello reported that once all the lock repairs are complete he will look into replacing the bumpers for the lock.
- The South Gulf Cove Lock chamber is sufficiently clean at this time. The barnacles on the lock chamber walls may have been eaten by Sheepshead fish. Mr. Mopps suggested that a change in the salinity level due to the tropical storm and associated tides may have reduced the bivalves in the lock chamber. The Purchase Order for this work is not needed.
- Mr. Mopps reported on the status of vegetation removal to improve visibility at the lock. A portion of the area to be trimmed is owned by Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) and cannot be trimmed. The corner area heading to the lock designated as P5-1 is owned by the County and can be trimmed. Red Mangroves can be trimmed 6 feet per year and must not be trimmed shorter than 6 feet to ensure the Mangrove does not die. A quote for trimming was requested.
- The budgeted amount for vegetation trimming will be verified. Mr. Brosmer made a motion to allow for trimming of the mangroves not to exceed an amount of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Redican and passed unanimously. Mr. Mopps will obtain a bid and arrange for a contractor to trim the mangroves in the line of sight according to the approved motion.
- There was discussion regarding the chair person making motions. Ms. Nothdurft will research the question.
- There was discussion regarding the continued collection of funding for a second lock. Mr. Redican made a motion to pursue a line item in the Budget for funding the engineering design and construction for a potential parallel lock. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ireland and it passed unanimously. Ms. Nothdurft will check with Fiscal Services to see if a line item can be changed to read Parallel Lock within the FY13 Budget or if it will have to wait until the FY14 -15 Budget Cycle.

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- The green flashing navigation light at the green #1 channel marker was replaced. There was previously a red flashing light (not functioning) on green marker #1, which was incorrect. Mr. Bick asked the Power Squadron to verify the location of the marker so it can be reported to NOAA to update the Navigational Charts. The Coast Guard also updates the Navigational Charts.

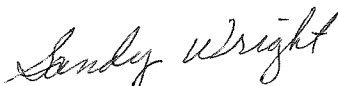
New Business:

- There was discussion regarding trimming pepper trees growing over the waterway. Mr. DeMello explained that it is the property owner's responsibility to trim vegetation on their own property overhanging the waterways. The County will only get involved if there is a safety line of sight issue.
- Ms. Nothdurft conveyed an update on the water lettuce in South Gulf Cove. Mr. Horton, Pest Management Supervisor reported that the Butterford Waterway as well as the Santa Cruz Waterway was cleared of water lettuce and that approximately 75% of the water lettuce in South Gulf Cove canals has been cleared.
- There was discussion regarding the depth of the canal at the dog leg at the end of the sand bar since Hurricane Debbie. Mr. Mopps stated that a survey will be required to determine what needs to be done. He recommended discussing this with the Yacht Club to get a consensus on having a survey done. If the Committee approves a baseline survey, they would be eligible for FEMA funding for 80% of the construction cost (if necessary) in the event of a hurricane. A survey is best done one to two months before hurricane season and is good for one year through the season.
- Mr. Bossey of All American Boat Storage has requested dredging the Santa Cruz Waterway. That is the only complaint so far.
- Marijuana Bay is shallow and has no turning basin on the outside. The area is owned by SWFWMD and was used for mitigation purposes from expanding the SR 776 Bridge. It is possible to survey a potential turning basin for the outside. Mr. Mopps recommends holding off on a survey until Mr. Bick talks to the Yacht Club. Mr. DeMello also suggested waiting for winter tides and then getting a pre-hurricane season survey. The Committee agreed to discuss the Yacht Club input at the next MSBU meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Submitted by:



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Public Works Department